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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CONSULTATIONS TRAVEL TO PEKING

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1. THOUGH INR/REA IS SOON TO HAVE ON BOARD TWO OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED HERE, THE PROPOSED VISIT BY DR. HAMRIN FOLLOWING THE SEATO MEETING WOULD BE USEFUL, AND WE DO NOT AS OF NOW SEE AN OBJECTION ON GENERAL PRINCIPLE TO TESTING THE CHINESE REACTION TO WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST VISA REQUEST TO THEM FOR A CONSULTATION VISIT BY AN INR ANALYST. FOR THE PRESENT, HOWEVER, WE THINK IT WOULD NOT BE DESIRABLE TO GIVE THE CHINESE THE CHANCE EITHER TO APPROVE OR TURN DOWN A CONSULTATION VISIT BY A JUNIOR INR ANALYST WHEN THEY HAVE FAILED TO GRANT A VISA FOR THE SAME PURPOSE TO THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF HONG KONG'S POLITICAL SECTION. WE REALIZE THERE ARE LIMITATIONS ON THIS LOGIC, BUT FOR SUBSTANTIVE CONSULTATIONS THE HART VISA REQUEST HAS, IN OUR BOOK, STRONG PRIORITY AND SHOULD IF NECESSARY STAND ALONE FOR SOME TIME YET. SHOULD THERE BE A FAVORABLE BREAKTHROUGH ON THE HART CASE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, WE MIGHT WANT TO RE-EXAMINE THE HAMRIN PROPOSAL (THOUGH IN ANY CASE THE TIMING ON HER VISA WOULD BE TIGHT), BUT FAILING THAT TURN OF EVENTS, WE BELIEVE PEKING SHOULD BE LEFT OUT OF
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HER ITINERARY PLANNING AS A CONSULTATIONS STOP. WE

HOPE SHE UNDERSTANDS.

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